



**IN THE UNITED STATES PATENT AND TRADEMARK OFFICE**

Appln No.: 10/715,919 )  
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Filed: November 17, 2003 )  
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Applicant(s): Kevin G. O'Brien et al. )  
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Title: INTERLOCKING VALVE BOX AND )  
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Art Unit: 3727 )  
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Examiner: Niki M. Eloshway )  
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Attorney Docket: 82974/7946 )  
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Mail Stop AMENDMENT  
Commissioner for Patents  
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Sir:

Transmitted herewith is an amendment/reply in the above-identified application.

- ☒ An Appendix including amended drawing figures labeled as "Annotated Marked-up Drawings" is enclosed.
- ☐ No additional fee is required.

**Fee Calculation For Claims As Amended**

	As Amended		Previously Paid For		Present Extra	Rate	Additional Fee
Independent Claims	18	-	14	** =	4	x \$ 200.00	= \$ 800.00
Total Claims	44	-	44	* =	0	x \$ 50.00	= \$ 0.00
Fee for Multiply Dependent Claims						\$ 360.00	\$ 0.00
** At least 3					Total Additional Fee		\$ 800.00
* At least 20							

- ☐ Applicant(s) assert entitlement to Small Entity Status (37 C.F.R. § 1.27), thus reducing the fee by half to:

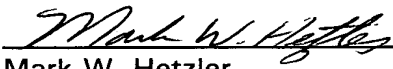
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Application No. 10/715,919  
Amendment dated May 22, 2006  
Reply to Office Action of February 21, 2006

- ☐ A check in the amount of \$\_\_\_\_\_ is enclosed.
- ☒ Charge \$ 800.00 to Deposit Account No. 06-1135.
- ☒ The Commissioner is hereby authorized to charge any additional fees which may be required in this application under 37 C.F.R. §§1.16-1.17 during its entire pendency, or credit any overpayment, to Deposit Account No. 06-1135. Should no proper payment be enclosed herewith, the Commissioner is authorized to charge the unpaid amount to Deposit Account No. 06-1135. A duplicate copy of this sheet is enclosed.

May 22, 2006

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